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First Named Inventor or Application Identifier: Mark A. Ritchart et al.
Title of Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED BIOPSY AND
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2. ☒ Specification - Total Pages: 30 Pages
Preferred arrangement set forth below:
 - ☒ - Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - ☒ - Cross References to Related Applications
 - ☐ - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
 - ☐ - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - ☒ - Background of the Invention
 - ☒ - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - ☒ - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - ☒ - Detailed Description
 - ☒ - Claim(s)
 - ☒ - Abstract of the Disclosure
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 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

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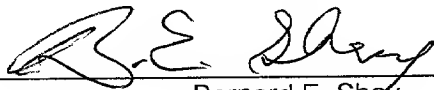
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